

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

#### **Blindness Learning Community for Supported Employment Provider Agencies**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, 34.5 and 34.6, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) hereby announces the availability of the grant program funds described herein.

**Program Name:** Blindness Learning Community

**Purpose:** The Department of Human Services (DHS), Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) is soliciting letters of interest from provider agencies of supported employment services in order to build capacity of provider agencies to provide services to individuals who are blind, vision-impaired, and deaf-blind.

**Available Funding Amount:**

CBVI will be providing a one-time grant of up to \$7,500 to each provider agency that is found eligible to participate in the Blindness Learning Community.

**Who Can Apply/Bidder Qualifications:**

To be eligible for consideration for this RLI, the bidder must satisfy the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit organization or governmental entity.
- The applicant must currently meet, or be able to meet, the terms and conditions of the Department of Human Services contracting rules and regulations as set forth in the Standard Language Document, the Contract Reimbursement Manual (CRM), and the Contract Policy and Information Manual (CPIM).
- Non-public applicants must demonstrate that they are incorporated or registered through the New Jersey Department of State and provide documentation of their current non-profit status under Federal 501(c) (3) regulations, as applicable.
- If the applicant is a for-profit entity, the applicant must obtain a business registration certificate from the New Jersey Department of the Treasury prior to the time the contract is awarded. For-profits may obtain this certificate at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/busregcert.shtml>

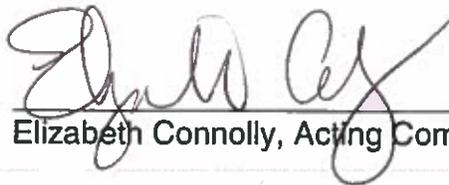
**Proposal Procedure:** Effective August 14, 2017 the RLI is available at [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpfi/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfpfi/index.html). A proposal must be submitted that comports with the RLI requirements and instructions.

**Proposal Receiving Office:**

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**Submission Deadline:** Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2017.

**Notification Date:** Bidders will be notified on or before September 22, 2017.

  
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Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

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